



**Minutes of the  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD  
Monday, May 16, 2022**

This special called emergency meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 0900 am in the Poplar Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee. This meeting was held in a virtual format with 2 board members present and others attending via teleconference.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

At 0900 a.m., Director Brandon Ward gave the opening statement explaining the roll call procedure to ensure each participant is connected to the meeting.

Director Ward asked Ms. Tory Ferguson to conduct an initial roll call with the results below. Director Ward declared a quorum was established.					
Board Member's Name	Present	Absent	Board Member's Name	Present	Absent
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose		X
Jeff Beaman	X		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	X		Dennis Rowe		X
Greg Miller		X	Tim Strange		X
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN		X
Brian Robinson	X		<b>8 Present; 5 Absent; A quorum was declared</b>		

Director Ward asked for responses from each participant of the call to ensure they could hear one another. Having all those present in person and on the call respond in the affirmative, it was determined that all members were able to listen and respond appropriately.					
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	ABSENT	
Jeff Beaman	X		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	X		Dennis Rowe	ABSENT	
Greg Miller	ABSENT		Tim Strange	ABSENT	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	ABSENT	
Brian Robinson	X		<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 5 Absent</b>		

Director Ward asked all participants on the conference call to declare and identify anyone present with them in the location from which they were participating. All indicated that no other persons were present with them at the location from which they were participating.

Director Ward explained the purpose of the meeting and asked for a motion and a second to proceed with the meeting in an electronic format. A motion was duly made by Tyler White and properly seconded by Jeff Beeman. The motion passed.					
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	ABSENT	
Jeff Beaman	X		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	X		Dennis Rowe	ABSENT	
Greg Miller	ABSENT		Tim Strange	ABSENT	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	ABSENT	
Brian Robinson	X		8 Aye; 0 Nay; 5 Absent		

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*Twila Rose arrived at the meeting via phone and indicated she could hear the other participants.*

Director Ward indicated that only certain matters were appropriate for an electronic meeting. He then requested a motion and a second if the members felt the meeting met the requirements as stated.					
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman		X	James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	X		Dennis Rowe	ABSENT	
Greg Miller	ABSENT		Tim Strange	ABSENT	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	ABSENT	
Brian Robinson	X		8 Aye; 1 Nay; 4 Absent		

**Those present for the meeting in-person:**

Dr. Sullivan Smith and Tyler White were present in-person for the meeting.  
 Brandon Ward, Director - Office of Emergency Medical Services  
 Hansel Cook, Assistant EMS Director  
 Deputy General Counsel Matt Gibbs, Legal Counsel – Office of General Counsel  
 Russell Gupton, EMS Consultant at Large  
 Tory Ferguson, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2  
 There were no members of the public in the audience

**RULE MAKING HEARING**

Dr. Sullivan Smith assumed the role of Chair. He explained that the purpose of the emergency rule making hearing. Deputy General Counsel Matt Gibbs, Legal Counsel – Office of General Counsel served as the moderator of the meeting. He presented the proposed rule and amendment and proceeded to read them into the record. Mr. Gibbs suggested that the best way to vote on the rule and amendment is to have a roll call vote to accept the amendment into the rule packet and a second motion to pass the packet forward to the Attorney General and the Secretary of State.

A motion was properly made by Tyler White to accept the amendment. The motion was properly seconded by Brad Phillips. There was a brief discussion about the proposed amendments to the rule changes. Director Ward clarified the proposed amendment.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman		X		James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	ABSENT		
Greg Miller	ABSENT			Tim Strange	ABSENT		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	ABSENT		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>8 Aye; 1 Nay; 4 Absent - Motion Passed</b>			

A motion was properly made by Tyler White to approve the packet for publication by the Secretary of State pending approval by the Attorney General and was duly seconded by Dr. Seth Brown. There was a brief discussion of potential perceived future issues that could be caused by the legislation and rule. Director Ward expounded upon the necessity of the rule and amendments due to the vagueness of the statute as written by the legislature.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	ABSENT		
Greg Miller	ABSENT			Tim Strange	ABSENT		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	ABSENT		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>9 Aye; 0 Nay; 4 Absent - Motion Passed</b>			

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 0900.

A motion was received to adjourn BY Tyler White with multiple seconds. Motion carried on voice vote.